

## CHAPTER LXVII.

February 24, 1888 *An Act to authorize the County of Hennepin to build or purchase and maintain a free bridge or bridges across the Mississippi River within said county.*

- SECTION 1.** Hennepin County authorized to erect or purchase bridge across Mississippi.
2. Commissioners empowered to issue bonds.
  3. Commissioners may levy special tax.
  4. Bonds—their denomination—how signed.
  5. When set to take effect.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:*

Commissioners  
of Hennepin au-  
thorized to build  
bridge.

**SECTION 1.** That the commissioners of the county of Hennepin be and they are hereby authorized to erect a bridge across the Mississippi river within a half mile of the suspension bridge, or instead thereof to purchase the suspension bridge now crossing said river within said county, and to maintain and keep in repair such bridge, and appoint a suitable person to collect tolls, until the tolls shall amount to enough to pay the original cost and the necessary repairs, together with the salary of the toll collector, and such tolls shall be used for no other purpose: *Provided*, That the same so erected or purchased, shall be and remain free forever after.

May issue bonds

**SEC. 2.** That in order to raise the necessary means for the purposes named in the first section of this act, the said commissioners are further authorized and empowered to issue the bonds of said county, to an amount not exceeding forty thousand dollars, and bearing interest at a rate not to exceed eight (8) per cent. per annum, and payable annually. One-fourth of said bonds shall be made payable in six years from the date of issue, one-fourth in eight years, one-fourth in ten years, and the balance in twelve years.

**SEC. 3.** The commissioners of said county be and

they are hereby authorized and empowered to levy an annual tax on all the taxable property of the county, sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds; also to levy an additional tax to pay the principal of said bonds as they become due. May levy tax.

SEC. 4. Said bonds shall be issued in such denominations as the commissioners of said county shall determine, and shall state upon their face the purpose for which they were issued, shall be signed by the chairman of the board of county commissioners, and attested by the auditor of the county; and when issued, said bonds, and the interest thereon, shall become and remain a legal and subsisting demand against said county until the same shall have been fully paid; *Provided, however,* That no bonds shall be issued under the provisions of this act, until the question of such issue shall have first been submitted to a vote of the people of the county; and for the purpose of ascertaining the will of the people in respect thereto, the legal voters shall at the first regular election of town officers, (and in the city of Saint Anthony at their charter election,) vote by printed or written ballots, in the following manner: "For the issue of bonds for free bridge, Yes;" "For the issue of bonds for free bridge, No." If a majority of the votes so cast shall be for the issue of bonds, the commissioners shall issue bonds as provided in the previous sections of this act. Denomination of bonds.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. Proposition to be voted on.

Approved February 24, 1866.